Atascadero Mutual Water Company

July 17, 2014

Mr. Dean Benedix San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works County Government Center, Room 206 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Subject: 2014 IRWM Drought Solicitation Grant funded by Proposition 84

Dear Mr. Benedix:

At its meeting of July 16, 2014, the Atascadero Mutual Water Company (AMWC) Board of Directors discussed the 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Program application that is currently being prepared by the County for the construction of a water intertie pipeline between the communities of Santa Margarita (CSA 23), Garden Farms, and Atascadero. The purpose of the intertie pipeline is to provide immediate drought preparedness for the participating communities.

The AMWC Board supported the filing of the application, recognizing the significant benefits such a water intertie pipeline would provide AMWC's shareholders and the communities of Garden Farms and Santa Margarita.

Actual participation in the water intertie pipeline project and its subsequent use will be subject to AMWC and the County being able to reach a mutually acceptable agreement on the operation of the interconnection. The agreement will need to specifically address the conditions under which water will be transferred between the participating communities, and account for the limitations AMWC has as a mutual water company in allowing the transfer of water from its service area.

We appreciate the County considering AMWC for possible participation in this beneficial project.

Respectfully yours

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June 11, 2014

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County Government Center, Room 206
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

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Dear Mr. Benedix:

At their meeting of June 11, 2014, the Garden Farms Community Water District (GFCWD) Board of Directors discussed the 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Program application that is currently being prepared by the County. The application will request funds for construction of a water intertie between the communities of Santa Margarita (CSA 23), Garden Farms and Atascadero for the purpose of providing immediate drought preparedness.

The GFCWD Board of Directors voiced unanimous support for the filing of the application, recognizing the significant benefits such a water intertie would provide in water surety and reliability to our District as well as our neighbors in Santa Margarita.

Actual participation in the water intertie project will be subject to GFCWD and the County being able to reach an acceptable agreement on the operation of the intertie and under what conditions water will be transferred between the participating communities.

We appreciate the County considering GFCWD for possible participation in this beneficial project.

Respectfully yours,

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